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MY EXPERIENCE.

FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST. BY MRS. ANNA BACHE.

"A contented mind is a continual feast."

I've been travelling all the summer,  
Treading moorlands, climbing hills;  
Struggling in the clasp of Ocean,  
Paying visits, paying bills.  
Breaking bread at lowly tables,  
Feasting with the lords of pelf;  
And I've come to this conclusion—  
Few are happier than myself.

God knows, I have seldom met with  
Life-path smooth, or sunny sky;  
But I've had, with heavy burdens,  
Strength to bear them on my high.  
And the post-heart He gave me,  
Music in my soul that sings—  
Oh! well could those, beyond Taylor—  
"Poets are Earth's real Kings."

Some grieve over past misfortunes—  
I let by-gones, by-gones be;  
Some, in their obtuse perceptions,  
Bewail neither feel nor see.  
Unto them Apollo's chariot  
Seems a common country wain;  
While I find, in Jersey sand-banks,  
Landscapes worthy Claude Lorraine.

Some have books in rosewood cases,  
Libraries my memory holds;  
Some wear purple and fine lines,  
But with sackcloth line the folds.  
Owning pearls, they pine for diamonds,  
While contented I go on,  
Dress my hair with low-priced ribbands,  
And feel happy—in a lawn.

Some can purchase costly pictures—  
I make pictures with my brain;  
Some reside in stately castles,  
I have castles too—in Spain.  
Some boast much of high connexions,  
Rank and Fashion seek their door;  
I shake hands with Worth and Genia,  
And am welcomed by the poor.

Now, reviewing my experience  
In the summer just gone by,  
I have come to this conclusion—  
Few are better off than I.  
While my heart can rest, rock-pillowed,  
Rose-leaves crossed their sleep annoy;  
I enjoy without possessing,  
They possess—but don't enjoy.

Philadelphia.

MARTYN WARE'S TEMPTATION. IN TWO PARTS.

BY MRS. HENRY WOOD, AUTHOR OF "EAST LYNN," &c.

PART THE FIRST.

CHAPTER I.

THE MOTHER'S GRIEF.

The somewhat cold and yet wintry sun threw its rays on one of earth's fair and gay scenes in the spring afternoon of a far gone by. By the side of, but not close to, a factory, which was giving forth its tokens of life and work, was a white house, built in the villa style, large enough for a gentleman's residence, pretty enough, with its artistically laid-out grounds and gardens in the midst of which it stood, to attract the attention of travellers on the proximate high road. Other factories might be seen, near and distant, most of them considerably larger than this one, and other houses, surrounded by their grounds, as well as poorer dwellings, cottages, and huts. This place,



THE WHIRLPOOL OF CHARYBDIS.

In the immediate neighborhood of Messina, Sicily, are situated those celebrated terrors of the classic mariners, Charybdis and Scylla. The whirlpool of Charybdis is a spot of agitated water from seventy to ninety fathoms deep, circling in rapid eddies. These appear to be occasioned by the meeting of some local lateral currents with the main current. The perils of Charybdis have long been proverbial, and small craft are occasionally endangered by it. Even large vessels of war have sometimes been turned round; but its dangers were exceedingly exaggerated by the ancient writers; and if proper caution is exercised, no peril need be apprehended from it.

situated in the heart of England, was called Wexmoor, and the factory first mentioned was known as Wexmoor Factory. Not many years before, this was the only factory in the district, and those larger and better ones had sprung up since. Its owner was a gentleman of the name of Martyn, and the white villa, built by himself some thirty years previously, was the residence of himself and his family.

Those cold, thin rays are falling on it, and especially on a young lady who is standing at its entrance-door, between the two pillars, drawing on her gloves. A charming-looking girl of twenty-two, with a thoughtful face,—very thoughtful for one so young; and steady, somewhat deeply-set eyes of dark blue. She is attired quite plainly, you see: a violet-colored merino dress, a warm, gray shawl, and a cottage straw bonnet, trimmed with ribbons to match, straw-colored. It was long ago, I have told you, before the disfiguring fashions of these later years were invented—the bonnets perched on the back of the head, or surmounting the forehead as a crocodile's mouth; those cottage bonnets of twenty years back made a pretty face look all the prettier.

This was Miss Helen Martyn, the second daughter of the manufacturer. He had four: Elizabeth, Helen, Sophia, and a little one of fourteen, much afflicted, named Amy. He had never had a son, and his wife had died when Amy was born. Elizabeth, the eldest, acted as mistress of the house, and as a sort of mother to the rest, though she was but two years older than Helen.

Helen Martyn drew on her gloves slowly, and then paused and looked thoughtfully out before her, far into the distance. It almost seemed as if she were hesitating whether to go on, or not. At last she descended the white steps, wound round the broad gravel drive which surrounded the lawn before the house, and passed out at the front gate. In turning to the right she nearly ran against a gentleman, who was about to enter it with a hasty step, on his way from the factory. It was Mr. Martyn; a wiry-built man, with a pale, hard face, and cold, gray eyes, bearing not the least resemblance to his daughter.

"Where are you going, Helen?"

"For a walk, papa."

He went on, saying no more. But ere he had well got through the gate, Helen, in her perfect truthfulness, her natural antagonism

to anything like deceit, turned and spoke—she was conscious that to take a walk was not the sole object of her leaving home this afternoon. In point of fact, it may almost be said that she was going out in disobedience, for the place she thought to visit, if not positively forbidden in words, had been tacitly interdicted to Mr. Martyn's daughters.

"Papa, I should like to see Mrs. Rutt once more before she leaves on that long voyage. I thought of calling to say good-bye to her."

"You can do as you choose," replied Mr. Martyn.

He did not speak in displeasure, but carelessly, as if the point were not worth consideration, and he hastened on towards the house as he spoke. Helen, feeling quite a weight removed from her heart, went away with a light step.

Continuing her road past the factory, she soon came to a shady green lane. Nearly half-a-mile down this lane was a low-built cottage, very pretty in summer, with its clean, white-covered walls, and its rippling brook purling through its homely garden.

As it was a sad tale, and Helen Martyn's heart sank as she approached the cottage with that feeling the "not liking" to enter it. Robert Rutt had been employed by Mr. Martyn for the past six or eight years. He was one of his first men—a sort of over-looker of the rest—and earned three pounds per week. About four years back he had married a widow lady from a distance. The word "lady" is really not misapplied. It was said she was a lady by birth and education, but had fallen into very poor circumstances. It was said also that she had believed Rutt, who was well-looking and superior-mannered man, occupied a higher position in Mr. Martyn's works, to what she found he did occupy. Be this as it might, she had shown no disappointment, but had accommodated herself to her position, as the wife of a working-man, from the first hour Rutt brought her to this cottage at Wexmoor. Mr. Martyn's daughters soon made acquaintance with her, and Helen at least grew to like and respect her—to like very much her young son, then a boy of about eleven years.

Things had gone on smoothly until now; or, to speak with strict correctness, until a few months ago. Late in the month of October, the previous autumn, a circumstance had occurred, unpleasant in itself, and

hended from it. The whirlpool is situated about a quarter of a mile from the shore, in the middle of a kind of bay, at the back of the locality called the Braccio di St. Rainerio.

The Rocks of Scylla, the twin danger with Charybdis, are situated on the coast of Calabria, a few miles northward of the whirl-

pool. The dangerous rocks are those lying partly under water at the foot of the bold, rocky headland, upon which is built the Castle of Scylla. The dangers of this place also have always been much exaggerated; the only real peril is when the current and wind are so opposed that a vessel may chance to be driven towards the rocks.

but the loss of their father left its bitter sting in their hearts. What with the spoils of machinery, the destroyed goods, the loss of time and incapability to fulfill orders which it entailed, Mr. Martyn's loss could not be estimated at less than a thousand pounds. A formidable sum to the imagination of these young girls, and all the more formidable because of a dim fear, which had been for some time forcing itself upon their suspicions, that their father could not afford it. Helen alone felt deeply for her. In Helen Martyn's strict sense of justice, she asked her sisters how blame could possibly be reflected upon the wife: she pointed out that the poor wife was even more deeply injured than they were. But she did not care to call and express this: it would have seemed like flying in the face of her father's sense of injury.

Yes, in one sense, the disastrous results fell worse on Mrs. Rutt, for she was left without a living or the means of gaining one. Rutt was a man who had lived up to every shilling of his wages. He liked to see his wife comfortable, to maintain a plentiful home; he was attached to her boy, now a fine lad of fifteen, and had yielded to her wish of keeping him at school, a good day grammar school in the neighborhood, not yet putting him out to earn anything. It is a fact scarcely to be believed, only that there are unhappily too many such facts in the world, that when Rutt died there was not one penny of ready money in the house. Except the furniture, Mrs. Rutt was left entirely destitute: and the furniture of that small house was not of great value.

Many and many a time did Helen Martyn wonder what that poor woman would do, and how she was getting on, or would get on. Gossip spreads in a small locality, and the young ladies heard news from time to time of Mrs. Rutt. First, it was said she was living by disposing of the lighter trifles of her household; next, that her son, who had left the school at Christmas, had found a temporary place at the doctor's, to carry out the physic bottles; by which he earned his food and a shilling or two a week. And last, they heard that Mrs. Rutt and her boy were going to America.

This last news, much as it surprised Mr. Martyn's daughters, proved to be correct.—Mrs. Rutt had a brother settled near Washington, a farmer; she had written to him on the occurrence of her great misfortune, and

when the passing hours of the morning came on those letters, he had offered her an asylum with him, and so had saved her from want for her son in the capital. That was perhaps more to the purpose in her temporary straits, he had offered to send the passage money for one of them, hoping she would be able to find the other herself.

And this, Mrs. Rutt, as it was known, had contrived to do. The very man who had succeeded to her husband's post at the works, made arrangements with her for taking the house off her hands, and as much of the furniture as she could leave in it.—That was not much. Her husband had died the first week in November, it was now the end of March, and she had had only that furniture to live upon, parting with it piece-meal. Little wonder, then, that it was with difficulty she could save sufficient money for only her own passage, let alone her boy's. She had no friends in the neighborhood, no advisers: she had never made a friend or sought an acquaintance since she came into it; and the cause is easily explicable. Her position as Rutt's wife deterred her from associating with the superior inhabitants, and her own previous habits of gentility forbade her placing herself on a level with the wives of such men as her husband. It is true the Miss Martyns had often gone to see her, but only as the wife of one of their father's men, in whom they took an especial interest.

All preliminaries were arranged, and she was to sail from Liverpool at the week's end; was to quit Wexmoor on the morrow. The Miss Martyns heard this; heard that the promised letter from her brother, which was to contain the remittance, had come that very morning; and Helen had determined to run down to bid her good-bye.

To let her go away for ever without a God speed, without a word of kindness to blot out the remembrance of the calamity caused by her husband, and for which she was in no way to blame, struck cruelly at the girl's heart. So Helen told her sisters what she should do, and put her things on; and when you saw her hesitating on the steps, she was deliberating whether to go into the factory in passing, and ask her father's consent, or whether she should go first, and confess afterwards that she had been. The meeting him decided it.

Mrs. Rutt in her widow's cap was seated in the parlor when she entered; a pretty room once, but nearly bare now; and Helen started when she saw her. Helen Martyn had seen grief in her lifetime, but scarcely such grief as this. She sat on a low seat, and was swaying herself to and fro in what looked like the extreme of human sorrow, her head bent forward, the tears slowly coursing down her colorless cheeks. It must be confessed that Helen somewhat wandered: Mrs. Rutt was leaving no ties in the place that she should grieve after them, and she had never pretended to be attached to it. She rose from her low seat at the sight of Helen, and dried her eyes as well as she could; but the look of anguish remained.

"Oh, Miss Helen! Have you indeed come once again?"

"I could not let you go without saying farewell, and giving you our good wishes," was Helen's gentle answer. "My sisters have not come, but they charged me to say everything that was kind for them. I hope you and Bob will get safely to your journey's end, and find a happy home there."

The words seemed to tell upon her terribly. She burst into a renewed fit of grief, so violent that Helen was alarmed. In vain she essayed to speak; nothing came forth but sobs. Helen, feeling shy and uncomfortable, knew not what to say: she came to the conclusion that all this must be for the loss of her husband. At length the sobs grew lighter.

"Miss Helen, pray pardon me! You don't know what it is to part with your only child, to leave him alone to the mercy of the world without guide or protector, to go away from him with scarcely a prospect of ever seeing him again on earth. It is like the parting of death; it has seemed nothing less to me."

Helen could not understand. Amidst blinding tears, amidst struggles to suppress the emotion that went well-nigh to choke her, the explanation was given by Mrs. Rutt. The letter had indeed been delivered to her that morning from America, but the promised remittance was not in it. Her brother had expressed his sorrow at being unable to send it; he had a sufficiently abundant home, but ready money was scarce with him; and he hoped she would manage to find it herself.

"It is an impossibility," she gasped. "I have no means of finding it, I have no friend in the world to help me. There will







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brilliant display of flowers of plants furnished by states. It is true the flowers are not yet in bloom, but while the flowers are in the highest stage of perfection with pleasant thoughts of many a sick soldier.

The garden is still in the hands of the German, of the 101st Airborne Division, and the people of the hospitals where most needed.

I trust your co-laborers in the garden will be able to help you in the garden.

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## THE SIBYL.

FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

True in a cruel grim and old,  
A smile by the radiant sun,  
When first a flower and cold—  
Faded his birth and high degree.

Within his sunny home grew  
One lovely flower, a daughter fair;  
Her eye was as the violet blue,  
And like the sunlight gleamed her hair.

A youth she loved of humble birth;  
Her father mocked his suit with scorn.  
He asked not for her worth, worth,  
Though that he was lowly born.

But finally they met, and gave,  
As freely they changed hand in hand,  
Their promise by the gliding years,  
That dashed beside them on the strand.

Then for a long and weary year  
They parted, and the words "good bye!"  
With many a sad and bitter tear,  
Dissolved the soft sunlight of her eye.

But years sped on till three were told;  
The roses on her cheek grew pale;  
While in that cruel grim and old  
She waited for his coming sail.

Still, with a woman's trusting faith,  
She leaned upon his promise given;  
Though withering doubts came like a wrath,  
Cold gliding 'twixt her soul and heaven.

Woe, she said, "To Maggy Lee  
I'll go, and have her read my heart—  
Some tidings she will give to me  
From my love in a distant land."

Storm clouds had gathered o'er the sky—  
The sun spoke with a sultry roar—  
The waves leaped in their fury high,  
And wildly dashed against the shore.

Yet fearlessly through storm and night  
She wandered, till on the dark wave  
She saw gleam out a ruddy light  
From torch within the witch's cave.

Her long hair wet with mist and spray,  
Loose, falling from the hood she wore;  
Like beautiful fairy, nymph, or elf,  
She stood in front the sibyl's door.

"What brings you, lady, here to-night,  
'Mid gloom, and storm, to seek my art?  
But, ah! upon your cheek so white,  
I read you bring a breaking heart."

"But welcome to my storm-beat cave—  
I'll tell you, lady, if you care  
One who must live's rough battle brave,  
Or born beneath a lucky star."

"For as the prisoner in his cell,  
With sight schooled in the darkness tomb,  
Learns with a keener eye to tell  
What lies beyond him in the gloom;

"So I, by sorrow taught, can look  
Beyond the ken of other eyes;  
Can peer within fate's mystic book,  
And read what is the future lies."

"Place now your dainty hand in mine,  
Withered with holding on to life,  
Ah! there's a cross, and here's a line—  
It is with sorrow sadly rife."

Then shuffling with mysterious air  
The wren cards in her wrinkled hand,  
Said, "Here I see, my lady fair,  
Your lover in a distant land."

"And one is standing by his side—  
Ah, lady, he's forgotten thee!  
For 'tis a fair and beautiful bride  
He's wedded o'er the dark blue sea!"

"Our dearest hopes first fade away;  
Life's roses wither in our hand,  
Man bids his promise but a day;  
His vows are written on the sand."

"Maiden! I learned this bitter truth  
When life was in its summer day,  
It cost a midwife o'er my youth,  
And turned my raven locks to gray."

"Now hidden from the world's cold eye,  
Unheard by mortal ear their knell,  
The hopes that turned to ashes lie  
Low buried in my heart's deep cell."

The lady spoke not a low moan  
Told the sad anguish of her breast:  
Her cheek grew whiter than the foam  
That's cradled on the billow's crest.

"My bride!" her ear had caught the sound,  
She scorned the heart that false could be,  
But in love's fetters still was bound,  
And perished, struggling to be free.

Lafayette, Ind. R. G. R.

## THE DANISH DRESSMAKER.

Those downhill years of the eighteenth century which came midway between the close of the Seven Years' War and the outbreak of the French Revolution, were years of quiet prosperity to the greater part of Germany. But quietly prosperous years, like those in similar circumstances, are apt to be uninteresting, and so it was with the period in question. It has left historians little to praise or to deplore about; it gave the courts little to intrigue for, the diplomats nothing to profess and shelve over, except the partition of Poland, which was done quietly enough for such a bad business. It was the still growing time of that fearful harvest which the last of the generation were to see reaped in overturned

charms and bloody battle fields, before they went down to their graves, but actively dreamed of what was stirring or brewing far under the feet of the powdered and powdered, hooped and broadened society which learned all its magnificence from the court of Versailles, and all its wit from the philosophers of Paris.

The times were quiet if not good, and particularly so in the kingdom and court of Prussia, where Frederick the Great was resting from his labors in Sans-Souci, keeping many old friends and no guards about him, and showing himself to Berlin only on the few high festivals his majesty chose to patronize. Frederick's old friends were getting fewer as years went on, and one gray head after another disappeared from banquet-board and grand review. His friendship and quarrel with Voltaire were long over, for the sage of Ferney slept among the monks of Solheim. The royal poems had been published, and well received, of course. The royal suite had been laid by for want of wind to play it; for time tells in that vulgar manner on kings as well as other mortals. He had asked the philosophers more questions than they could answer, and got tired of that and ploughing; amusements were growing scarce, so were news and gossip; and thus it happened that the Great Frederick became curious concerning a small but inexplicable matter which for some time occupied and puzzled all the rank and fashion of Berlin.

Strange to say, the subject was nothing more distinguished than a dressmaker—not a *modiste de Paris*, nor even a court-milliner from Vienna, but a certain Madame Haroldsom from Copenhagen, whose work was notoriously bad, and whose charges were known to be exorbitant, yet who contrived to carry on a brisk and profitable business through the interest taken in her and her affairs by the noble family of Richendoff.

Their House was reckoned among the richest of the Prussian nobility; it was also known to be one of the proudest. Good-nature, or mildness of temper, had never been counted among the family characteristics. They were almost the only subjects with whom the old king, Frederick William, of absolute and exacting memory, did not care to meddle; no tall peasant had been cramped off their estates for his giant regiments; none of them had been obliged to build a house on the marshy banks of the Spree, or buy wild-boars from his majesty after his great and profitable hunt. Yet they had stood well in royal favor under the old and new regimes; and some twenty years before the period of our story, the Baron von Richendoff, then representative and head man of his House, had the honor of escorting the Princess Louise, Ulrica, Frederick the Great's sister, to Copenhagen, and seeing her crowned queen-consort of Denmark.

Louise Ulrica was a royal belle in her day, and clever enough to hold her own in any court in Europe. She did it with considerable energy and success in the Danish palace, being endowed with her father's sturdy temper, and her mother's talent for falling sick on all trying occasions. She had her father's strong stiff likings, too, and the Richendoff family had the good-fortune to get hold of them. The baron remained in Denmark, master of the queen's private household; his baroness was mistress of the robes, his two daughters her favorite maids of honor, and his only son her majesty's chief-ecquerry. So they lived and flourished, got places and pensions, envy, hatred, and adulation from all the Danish court, and worship and solicitations from all German comers for ten years and more. The daughters got splendidly married to Prussian noblemen, whom Queen Louise sent for to Berlin, no Danes being good enough for her maids of honor. The son was permitted to marry a Danish heiress of uncommon wealth and quarterings and the House of Richendoff seemed likely to overshadow all the north with its grandeur, when suddenly there came a mighty break-up in Queen Louise's household. The best informed of the backstairs people could not say how it happened, but the baron gave up his mastership, the baroness resigned the robes, the two ladies of honor retired from the position their weddings had not affected, the chief-ecquerry laid down his honors and emoluments, and the Richendoffs, with all their following and most of their gatherings, returned to their town-house in Berlin, and their castle in East Prussia.

The high and mighty family came back without a stain on their escutcheon; on the contrary, with added titles and honors, with additions to their more substantial possessions too, and everybody agreed they could take care of both, at home or abroad; none had ever accused them of over-liberality or comprehension. Why they had left Denmark was accounted for by the Prussian's love of his native country, the wish of young and old to enjoy their riches, and close their days in the focus of civilization presided over by the Great Frederick. That explanation had satisfied the king, and was expected to satisfy the public; at any rate, they got no other, and court-affairs were not to be inquired after in those times. But in the land they left there was a whisper—confined, of course, to the highest circles and their hangers-on—regarding a young Swedish countess, of Scotch descent, for the father was Count von Sinclair. He had come as ambassador-extraordinary, to settle one of those ever-recurring disputes about

boundaries, which have kept the northern kingdoms from falling fast asleep since the Reformation-time, their last waking up. His daughter had accompanied him, to see the Danish court and its German satellites, perhaps to get well married, for the family, though noble, were not rich. Her education had been finished in Paris; her beauty was acknowledged even by the ladies; and the young Countess von Sinclair took particularly the fancy of Queen Louise Ulrica, got into extraordinary favor, and, whether on that account or on her own merits, was believed to be specially admired by her majesty's chief-ecquerry. Such was the state of matters when the court removed bag and baggage from Copenhagen to the old palace of Ringstedt, where it pleased Queen Louise to hold high festival that Christmas time. Her royal consort did not always concur in her arrangements, indeed was not always consulted; but on this occasion harmony prevailed between the pair. King, queen, and all who were counted anybody in Denmark, all the foreigners of distinction, all the *corps diplomatique*, swarmed in and about the old palace, till there was not an attic room or a neighboring cot unoccupied by some noble guest; and the only spare space was said to be the central court, darkened by the old walls and towers that rose round it, and containing nothing but a deep draw-well, long unused, because out of the way; the modern additions and improvements of the palace having left no access to the court but one steep narrow stair, on which a small door opened at the end of the great gallery; and also because the water was so impregnated with iron from some deep-lying mine, that all linen washed in it was injured beyond remedy; and the court physicians found out it would produce old looks and wrinkles even in royal faces.

Well, the palace was filled, and the festivities went on, with a great acting of plays, a lengthy doing of dances, and a mighty consumption of all the good things of the north. There was nobody that played, danced, or flirted like the Countess von Sinclair; there was nobody that followed and flattered the young beauty like the queen's chief-ecquerry. Some people thought the Danish heiress saw more than she was expected to do, and was taking her measures; some people thought the ambassador-extraordinary would have preferred a more eligible admirer for his daughter. There was not exactly scandal, but a good deal of remark among the elder ladies and other guardians of propriety, when all at once the court was astonished and the festivities interrupted by the sudden and unaccountable disappearance of the young countess on the last day of the year, new style. She had danced at a grand ball the preceding evening, looking as gay, as beautiful, and as elegantly dressed as usual; the ecquerry had been as attentive; the heiress had seemed no more observant; the censors had not found any additional cause of disapprobation; but in the morning her French maid reported that mademoiselle was not in her chamber, had not slept in her bed, had not put off her ball-dress or jewels, and was nowhere to be found. The entire palace and the surrounding country were searched, but no further intelligence was ever obtained of the missing countess. Her father offered rewards; Queen Louise fell sick, and broke up the festival; the chief-ecquerry galloped about, inquiring after her in every direction; the young Danish nobles vied with each other in following his example; but no servant within, no peasant without the palace, no traveller on the highways could give the slightest account of her. The countess had been seen or heard of by nobody from the hour in which she finished the last minuet at the ball, just before the company broke up. It was not with the ecquerry, but the Russian ambassador, Count Crimanoff, she had danced; he had conducted her to a *salonnet* near the queen, crossed the room to speak to his own countess, and saw the young lady no more.

There the tale ended, except that sundry surmises, not of the best-natured kind, were indulged in by the court ladies. That the Countess von Sinclair had eloped with somebody not at all to her father's mind, and would turn up some day, was their general expectation. But up she did not turn. Queen Louise declared her determination never to recover from the shock. As she knew not who to blame, her majesty made great efforts to fix the charge of her favorite's disappearance, first on the French maid, and then on the Russian ambassador; but in both cases, it was impossible, the alibi was so clear. No one thought of including the Richendoffs; they were entirely out of the scrape; had not been near the young lady; had no imaginable motive for getting her out of the way; were known to be the most active and indefatigable in the search; and when it was fairly over, remained in their places about Queen Louise for more than a twelvemonth, when a natural and laudable desire to return to native Prussia made them all at once resign, to the great displeasure of the queen, and the delight of the whole court. It was thought that Louise Ulrica would have taken satisfaction by endeavoring to prejudice her brother against the deserters; but his sisters were not always successful in such endeavors with the Great Frederick; moreover, there was a family quarrel then in hand, concerning certain diamond pins and buckles belonging to one of those ever-recurring disputes about

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**DECREASE OF MARRIAGES IN NEW ENGLAND.**—For the last eight or ten years, with the exception of two or three, there has been a steady annual decrease in marriages in Massachusetts. That this anomaly is broader than that state is apparent from the registration in other parts of New England. In Connecticut, the number for the last six years have never been so large as in 1855 and 1856. In the former year there were 10,000 marriages, and in 1856 only 8,700—a considerable diminution. If we take the average of the increase of population, the decrease in the same fact is exhibited, less pointedly. Nor is it peculiar to the last four years, in all the New England States, with very slight exception, it has been the case for 1867. In those countries there were large cities, the diminution has been greatest. Still further, in Boston, where the registration is the most complete, it is well known that the number of marriages has been steadily decreasing for many years. In 1861, there were 2,136, and they have gone down to 1,004 in 1862, a steady decrease of nearly 50 per cent.

**HARVEST.**—Never has Philadelphia been so full of strangers as it is now. This is a broad assertion, but it is easily proved. The hotels are running over. They seem to be for a long time past. The houses in the city of known reputation are all filled. The smaller hotels, that have been business hitherto, are running with guests. If anybody wishes to know how many vacant houses there are in Philadelphia at this moment, let him try to find one. Under the rent of four hundred dollars there are not ten habitable houses in Philadelphia at this moment. Look at the advertising columns of the newspapers every day to day, and scarce a house is offered for rent. If such a thing does occur, there are a dozen people after it before the owner is out of his bed. The like of this was never seen before. The hotels and boarding-houses teem with people, who spend their entire leisure time in "house-hunting," and without avail.—*North American.*

**A BRICK OLD LADY.**—Mrs. Betsey P. Eastman, of Salisbury, New Hampshire, is in the one hundred and second year of her age, and is reported to be the oldest person living in the state. A correspondent tells this story of her:—"Her cheerfulness under all circumstances is constant and remarkable. Her son Joel, of Conway, who makes her frequent visits, on departing from home a short time since, thought it possible, considering her advanced age, that she might be taken away before he made her another visit, and shaking hands with her, remarked: 'Good-bye, mother; I don't know as I shall ever see you again.' Mrs. Eastman, with great astonishment, looked up, and exclaimed: 'Why, Joel, you don't think you are going to die, do you? My health is remarkably good now—a-days.'"

**IMPORTANT DECISION.**—It has just been decided in the Supreme Court at Boston, that a railway corporation having sold a person a ticket, is liable in damages for any injury he may suffer by the carelessness of the corporation or its agents, as well while he is going to the train, as after he gets into the car. The court also ruled that it is carelessness on the part of the corporation to run a train at full speed over the track between the depot and another train standing on the outer track, waiting for passengers to get on board. Under these instructions, the jury gave a verdict of \$5,750 against the Fitchburg Railroad Company in favor of the plaintiff for injuries sustained by him.

**SOLDIER'S RIGHT TO VOTE.**—In the District of Election Laws, with which we have each Pennsylvania Election Board is issued, on pages 155-6, section 29, is the following: "To every soldier in the army of the United States, or of this Commonwealth, who is present either armed or unarmed, during the time of such election: *Provided*, nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent any officer or soldier exercising the right of suffrage in the election district to which he may belong, if he is qualified according to law."

The nobles of Aragon, in selecting a monarch, addressed him thus: "who are as much as you, and are worth more than you, we choose you for our lord and condition that you respect our laws; and not."

"You say, Mr. Jay, that you saw the child leave the house. Was it in haste?" "Yes, sir." "Do you know what caused the haste?" "I'm not certain, but I think it was the boot of Mr. Stubbs, the gentleman on the boards with." "That will do, Mr. Jay. Clerk, call the next witness."

Mr. J. L. Flanagan, of Barnia, C. W., who is a female baby as a baby, which, though not quite five months old, weighs 140 pounds. Its dimensions are: length, 2 feet 8 inches; round the waist, 25 inches; round the thigh, 16 inches; round the ankle, 7 inches; round the arm, 9 inches. The parents are but ordinary-sized people.

**HOW WE WEAR OUR SKIRTS.**—A man was looking at some Balmorals in a shoe store the other day, and he saw the excessive ladies' men in attendance. "Be-u-tiful piece of goods, mum!" called the lady, "but too narrow, I think." "Oh, no," was the response, "we have three breadths in our skirts."

capital bill of fare they get up for Italian steamers. When the steamer Britain last left Australia for Liverpool, had on board, for the use of her passengers, two live bullocks, weighing 100 and 120 lbs. each, 90 dozen fowls, a goose, turkeys, &c., 5,000 dozen eggs, and enough vegetables to stock a regiment.

If you wish to offer your hand to a woman, choose your opportunity. The best time to do it is when she is getting out of an evening dress.

**BOOTS.**—Boston has suffered many hard frosts, but an anecdote of a little three-year-old, about leaving her home on a visit to that metropolis, is a little ahead of anything yet. At the close of her prayers the night before her departure, she added, with the utmost simplicity, "Now, good-by, Mr. God. I'm going to Boston in the morning to be gone two weeks."

**A TALL SOLDIER.**—Capt. David Van Buskirk, of an Indiana regiment, is the tallest man in the army of the Potomac, being 6 feet 11 inches in height, and weighing 250 pounds. He astonished the rebels when they carried him prisoner to Richmond.

**Mr. Wm. Armstrong** is alarming the English people by the statement that there is only coal enough in their mines to last 212 years. He thinks it is time to be economical in the use of it.

**An American traveller in Russia** writes that—"Education is advancing with social improvement. More than eight thousand schools have been opened for the peasants, and everywhere I hear of their being anxious to read, as they ought to be able to read, the laws by which they are governed. The peasant now feels he is a man, and as such, ought to cultivate his intellect."

## WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—There has been a better feeling in the market, and holders of flour have put up their prices 10¢ per bushel. Sales comprise about 15,000 bushels taken in lots at \$4.75 per bushel; \$4.80 for extra; \$4.85 for good extra; \$4.90 for very good extra; \$4.95 for choice extra; \$5.00 for extra family; \$5.05 for extra family; \$5.10 for extra family; \$5.15 for extra family; \$5.20 for extra family; \$5.25 for extra family; \$5.30 for extra family; \$5.35 for extra family; \$5.40 for extra family; \$5.45 for extra family; \$5.50 for extra family; \$5.55 for extra family; \$5.60 for extra family; \$5.65 for extra family; \$5.70 for extra family; \$5.75 for extra family; \$5.80 for extra family; \$5.85 for extra family; \$5.90 for extra family; \$5.95 for extra family; \$6.00 for extra family; \$6.05 for extra family; \$6.10 for extra family; \$6.15 for extra family; \$6.20 for extra family; \$6.25 for extra family; \$6.30 for extra family; \$6.35 for extra family; \$6.40 for extra family; \$6.45 for extra family; \$6.50 for extra family; \$6.55 for extra family; \$6.60 for extra family; \$6.65 for extra family; 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